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SUBJECT: ROC- SPANISH RELATIONS

REFERENCE: TAIPEI 1662

1. SPANISH CHARGE' D' AFFAIRES JOSE' DE LA GUARDIA MAESTRO
CLOSED SPANISH EMBASSY APRIL 10 AND LEFT TAIWAN FOR HIS
NEW ASSIGNMENT AS CONSUL GENERAL IN HONG KONG.

2. DE LA GUARDIA CON
FIRMED TO EMBOFF RECENT PRESS STORIES
THAT SPAIN WILL MAINTAIN A CULTURAL AND TRADE PROMOTION
CENTER IN TAIPEI TO SERVE AS A " DE FACTO CONSULATE" TO
MANAGE TRADE AND CULTURAL MATTERS. PABLO VARELA, ADMIN-
ISTRATIVE CHANCELLOR, A CLERICAL EMPLOYEE, WHO PREVIOUSLY
SERVED AS
CUSTODIAN DURING DE LA GUARDIA'S ABSENCE, WILL BE
IN CHARGE OF THE NEW CENTER.

3. AMBASSADOR HSUEH YU- CHI, ON HIS RETURN FROM SPAIN
APRIL 9, STATED THAT THE ROC AND SPAIN HAD AGREED TO
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EXCHANGE " NON- OFFICIAL" MISSIONS. THE ROC MISSION IN
MADRID WILL BE CALLED THE CHUNG SHAN CULTURAL AND

ECONOMIC CENTER AND WILL APPARENTLY BE MANNED BY PERSONNEL FROM THE ROC'S TRADE OFFICE SET UP IN JANUARY 1971.

4. COMMENT: SPAIN IS THE ONLY EUROPEAN COUNTRY TO SET UP A MISSION ALONG LINES OF JAPANESE PATTERN IN TAIPEI. DE LA GUARDIA SAID THAT GOS FROM THE BEGINNING OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PRC HAD INSISTED ON MAINTAINING SOME FORM OF "UNOFFICIAL" CONSULAR AND TRADE REPRESENTATION IN TAIPEI. MCCONAUGHY

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